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A Spring of Celebration and Recognition for Dr. Paschall and MBA

by Robert West, Editor-in-Chief

Last week Dr. Douglas Paschall received an honorary position on the board of the Southern Headmasters Association for his work and dedication in promoting the highest level of education while Headmaster at Montgomery Bell Academy. This award recognizes six years of accomplishment that will end with Dr. Paschall's retirement after graduation this June.

After the presentation of the degree, I was able to congratulate Dr. Paschall. He told me that years of hard work and commitment to what you think is right will result in success no matter who you are. These words perfectly describe Dr. Paschall's Spring of 1994 at MBA.

On January 30, the theatre in the Davis Building was dedicated to Dr. Paschall. Dr. Paschall has worked harder than any other individual to bring a thriving fine arts program to MBA. The Davis Building with its outstanding facilities for the arts is the result of his work.

Following a choral performance, a selection from the jazz band, and a scene from *King Lear*, the first play performed in the Paschall Theater, Dr. Paschall accepted the dedication.

On March 9, Dr.



Dr. Douglas Paschall Celebrates his 55th Birthday with his MBA Family

Paschall celebrated his 55th birthday with his MBA

family. After an elaborate plan to keep the party secret, Dr. Paschall was lured into Brownlee O. Currey Gymnasium where his 500+ students greeted him with "Happy Birthday."

The next day Dr. Paschall spoke at the annual Father Son Banquet. During his speech, Dr. Paschall called Montgomery Bell Academy his support group. Surrounded by a capacity crowd of MBA sons, fathers, grandfathers, and faculty, the truth of these words affected all present.

The standing ovation

at the end of the speech was immediately followed by the dedication of *The Bell* to Dr. Paschall by Editors Ryan Brunkardt and Michael Haslam.

Finally, on March 14, Dr. Paschall was inducted to MBA's honorary fraternity Totomoi. After the announcement of his induction, Dr. Paschall was honored with a standing ovation from the MBA Student Body, Faculty, and guests.

Spring is traditionally an exciting time at Montgomery Bell Academy. However, the leadership and presence of Dr. Paschall during the Spring of 1994 has made the end of my Senior year special.

David Performs in Paschall Theatre May 13-15

by Brooks Martin

On the tentative dates of May 13-15 The Civil War Chess Set (that's the theatre arts club) will put on a production of George Bernard Shaw's *The Devil's Disciple*.

The story is about Richard ("Dick") Dudgeon (played by Rob Hancock), who is the irreverent rogue of his family, which has all but disowned him.

He has just inherited his family fortune due to the fact that his much-admired uncle has just been hanged by the British and his father has died on the same day. His inheritance does not sit well with his bitter mother (played by Sarah Phillips) or his bumbling brother (Beau Tidwell). As a plus to the large inheritance Dick has been given custody of his young, orphaned cousin Essie (Hayley Green).

Reverend Anthony Anderson (Jim Miller) has only a Christian respect for Richard. His wife Judith (Hallie Anderson) feels nothing but contempt for the ir-

reverent Dick.

While paying a visit to the Reverend's home, Dick, mistaken for Mr. Anderson, is taken away by a squad of Redcoats to be hanged for treason. Richard argues for his life with a council of British bureaucrats headed by General Burgoyne (Will O'Hare) and Major Swindon (Bradley Coburn). And...that's all I'm going to tell you because I don't want to ruin it for you. I also want you to come see it for yourself.

The rest of the cast includes veteran and new actors to the Paschall Theatre like Jonathan Glickstein, Dan Ferguson, Greg LaVigne, Karri Sharpe, Sam Limor, Will Burgess, Will Moss, Robbie Quinn, Lewis Jones, and Andy Cortis.

This play was chosen for its brevity, large casting opportunities, and light humor reminiscent of last year's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. This will be this year's last production.

It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing

Patrick Wilson Library
Montgomery Bell Academy
Nashville, Tennessee

by Zach Skipper

On Thursday, March thirty-first MBA was visited by the show choir of Hermitage Hall, an Oklahoma choral sensation on tour in Nashville. Their assembly performance was a crowd-pleasing and energetic variety of song and dance.

The vocal talent of this group was enhanced by a varied program stretching from "Every Rose has its Thorn" to a thrilling "Swing" finale. A combination of musical gifts, training, and hard work shined through in everything from the guitar solo to the straddling choreography.

As an audience, we were generous. knew when applause needed to be given, and for the most part were tuned in. Singing to



certain guys of the audience always breaks smiles. It causes some to absorb the attention of the spotlight (Judd), while others blush with embarrassment (Jim).

I'm a rookie when it comes to reviews, but if all concerts were this great it would be easy to recount the highlights, and especially to remember the positive cheer the student body felt when leaving the theater. It was a special treat that kept everyone awake and even

entertained!

The only unprofessional thing I observed was that a few singers seemed to lack enthusiasm, but I suppose "Every Rose has its Thorn."

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OPINIONS

Viewing the World Through
Racial GlassesJason
BennettOpinions
Editor

First, I'd like to thank everyone who wrote opinions for this issue. Although we were not able to publish them all, I appreciate the writers taking the time to submit the articles.

I will respond to the honor articles next issue, but this issue I'd like to deal with a topic that has plagued MBA for years and has just resurfaced in the form of a questionnaire the Bell Ringer handed out. What this questionnaire asks in short is a student's opinion on racial relations at MBA. I personally object to this questionnaire, however, because the wording of the questions is unfair and some are simply meaningless. Without getting too specific, I'd like to address the first question. The first one asks if

the student welcomes MBA's current diversification policy. This question is unfair, however, because the word "welcome" is vague and the question is very leading. If the student wants a policy of diversification but does not agree with the current policy, he cannot answer the question either way because of the implications of each answer. A "yes" answer implies agreement with the welcomes policy while a "no" answer implies racism on the part of the student because obviously if one does not stand for diversity, one is a racist. In general, I feel MBA has in some aspects a racially diverse student body. Although the body is mostly white, Asians and Indians are a solid minority that gives MBA a more balanced makeup. In recent years, the policy as I understand it has been to recruit other minorities in an attempt to make MBA even more diverse racially. I object to this policy in the same manner

that I object to all affirmative action policies, in that I am all for admitting all qualified students regardless of race, but I do not understand why we must coax certain people to MBA to boost our statistics, especially when there might be a more qualified person of another race. In fact, the entire philosophy of viewing the world through racial glasses is offensive to me simply because it fragments society all the more. As more and more groups seek "minority status," society is divided into more and more groups that see others as different from themselves. In our search for equality, we have split the country more instead of healing divisions and society is the worse for it. In my opinion, we should seek to view others not on the basis of race, creed, color, or even "sexual orientation," but instead each person should be viewed as a member of the human race and no more.

Students See Secrecy's Worth

Ben
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Writer

Honor. Honor is one of the highest values of a gentleman. Honor is one of the highest values of a scholar. Honor is one of the highest values of an athlete. Therefore, honor is one of the highest values of a Montgomery Bell Academy student, thrice over. However, to act honorably, one must treat others correctly; that is, acting according to justice and reciprocity. So it would dishonor the entire student body for the Honor Council to act unjustly (because the Honor Council represents the entire student body; it is run for and by the students and acts in place of us all.) I certainly do not want to be dishonored by anyone, so I need the Honor Council to act justly. I assume others feel as

I do. But justice will not be achieved is Jason has his way.

What Jason advocated in the last edition of this publication was for the masses to know the names of individuals accused of breaking the Honor Code. First of all, he proposes no means to achieve his ends. Will it be in the daily announcements between "Soup Kitchen" and "Kroger Receipts"? Granted, this is only a technicality. My point is that this distribution of what is, at present, confidential, is not just. To put forth an accused would be to put him in the racks in Sloan Quadrangle. Simply by human nature, comments will be made. Even if he is not the target of verbal retort, looks and ill thoughts will haunt this student for the rest of his time here. To resort to such archaic punishments is to revert to something base and unevolved. Is this a fitting punishment for a boy who, in a weak moment, looked onto

the desk next to him and used his friend's test as an answer sheet for his problem? To copy that "305 B.C." is the date that Diocletian abdicated his throne is dishonorable, but ought not warrant the aforementioned "education" (the current president of the Honor Council, Taylor Harris, stated in another issue of this paper that "... the purpose of the Honor Council is not to punish, but to educate....") Not only to subject this youth to the trials and tribulations of an Honor Council hearing, but then to make him suffer through years of contempt and distrust for an act which he regrets is too extreme. I am not saying that this is and always will be the case, but a justice system must be planned for the average, and it must be able to handle all extremes. Jason's resorting to medieval stoning does not achieve these criteria. Must MBA "sink to see *Secrecy's Worth* page 3

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Honor Council Rebuttal
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In direct response to Jason Bennett's editorial, I feel differently on the idea of public persecution of honor offenders. It is true that the accusation, fact-finding, trial, and decision are all kept private. However, I do not think that the Honor Council shields its offenders in any way as a matter of policy or not. Having been on the Honor Council for four years, I know that the number of people returning with multiple offenses is very small. I do not believe that a public display of the offender will serve as any type of deterrent. It does not make sense to me to let people who have warnings to not have the same consequence as those receiving a first level, second

level, etc. I have always been told that the punishments were there to reprimand, yet give the offender a chance to improve himself. No one on the Honor Council wants anyone to be humiliated. Let us think before we say that this technique is the proper way to handle the situation. The Honor Council was established at MBA to make judgments on cases that come before the council, not to act as a police force in the business of ruining people's reputations. Jason concluded his article with the statement that the public revealing of cases would give each student a greater sense of personal honor. The key word here is **personal**. It is true that the school is not bound legally to withhold any of the information but that the Honor Council feels that a truer sense of honor will be found by dealing with punishments individually.

NEWS

It's a Thrill to Have the Opportunity to Be a Part of What MBA is All About



**Rob
Welhoelter
Mark
Dunkerly**

As Coach Bowers shifts gears to take over the football reigns, he leaves the basketball program after compiling a record breaking 29-6 record. That success should continue as Kyle Bills of Franklin is set to get started

this summer. The players are sad to see Coach Bowers go but are extremely thrilled with the hiring of Coach Bills.

This past season Bills led Franklin to substate, where the Rebels ran into a superior team. Franklin was 27-9 and both regular season and tournament champions in district 9-AAA.

Coach Bills is taking advantage of a tremendous

opportunity for both his family and the school. As the father of two boys, he is excited about MBA's philosophy regarding academics, athletics, and perspective on sports in the educational process. In joining the MBA family, Bills looks forward to lasting relationships with dedicated players and students, conscientious administrators, and caring faculty members.

Throughout his fifteen year coaching career, Bills has enjoyed much success at Lincoln County (7 years with two state tournament berths) and Franklin (district champions and substate berth). Even though he has coached many special teams, he says "the substate game here was the most exciting night of basketball I've been associated with."

Coach Bills' personal

definition of success fits right in with Coach Bowers' and MBA's: "success is successful-working hard to do your best wherever you are." With that in mind, his transition from Franklin to MBA should not be difficult. With preparation and planning taking place now and an important summer ahead, Coach Bills and the team are poised for another successful season.

Secrecy's Worth...

their level" which our mommies always warned us not to do - such that we "educate" our wrong-doers through public embarrassment?

I can understand some arguments against what I've stated, but they do not logically work out. "It might not hurt him" is shown to be very inaccurate by looking at a simple example. Let's say that tomorrow's

Tennessee headlines that a certain member of our faculty was alleged to have molested little children. Even if he was not found guilty in court, there would always be a shadow over his good face and name. "Only the guilty would be made known" is a quagmire that I wish to avoid and shall only say that if one out of one-hundred was "exposed" when he was innocent, it was one too many. If

you are hit over the head - only once - with a metal club, isn't it one time too many? (would you want to be this one and, thereby, be in the category of those who wouldn't mind being the victim of a mugging or another type of random violent crime?) And even for the guilty, this punishment is not fitting. "All the information will be made public" is a technical and logistical problem, but still a problem. Will Madame O'Connell type up briefs that will be put in the library for us to check out at

our whim? Will the accused get up in assembly as if it were one big AA meeting? Will students be invited into the Gibb's Room while the meetings take place so "word of mouth" and retelling to those who could not attend distort and mutate actual events? I hope none of these. "The students would not really respond" is actually an argument not to reveal the names: so that the student body can become inured to dishonor as we have supposedly be inured to violence by GI Joe and Daffy Duck. This

only means that honor is not as important as it ought to be and that the masses must examine their values.

My point is simple. If the investigation and punishment of Honor Council offenses are anything but "cloaked in secrecy," then justice is not achieved and we are dishonored. To be Montgomery Bell Academy students who are gentlemen, scholars and athletes, we must be honorable; to humiliate someone is not honorable.

Eddie Invades Nashville: "The Best Concert Ever!"



**John
Farringer
Concert
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To quote a friend of mine, the recent Pearl Jam concert at MTSU's Murphy Center was "the best experience of my life." In fact, I haven't heard a complaint yet about the show that sold out in 22 minutes.

After sleeping through the opening band, King's X, all 1200 fans were

ready to mosh and scream. The lights went out, with only the ten candles on the amps left.

Pearl Jam started into "Rearviewmirror," playing until the chorus in pitch blackness. A sober Eddie Vedder answered chants of "We love Eddie" with "If ya'll ever come to Seattle, look me up!"

Highlights of the show included "Go," a favorite in the mosh pit in front of the stage, "Daughter," and "Elderly women behind the counter in a small town," off

of their new album "Vs."

In addition to "Even Flow" and "Jeremy," the much awaited "Alive" was played off of their debut album "Ten." This song may have been the best part for the brave souls in the pit, where you were either crushed between two guys with nose rings of passed on top of everyone to the stage.

After throwing out numerous guitar picks and Eddie's water bottle to the lucky moshers in the front, Pearl Jam took a break before returning with the cli-

max of the show, a fifteen minute version of "Porch."

Everyone went wild with lights flashing and bassist Jeff Ament jumping anywhere he could.

Then, surprising everyone, a local, Steve Crawford, came out with Pearl Jam. Eddie said, "This is one of his songs," and played the classic "Dock of the Bay," Pearl Jam style. After also covering Neil Young's "Rockin' in the Free World," Pearl Jam left for the third time.

Finally, after much

screaming, they came back out for the encore, playing the slower song about suicide, "Indifference."

Eddie left by saying, "See ya'll next year," making everyone there yell even louder. With sore necks from headbanging and without voices from singing, the fans left the concert, buying tee-shirts to recall the memories of the best concert Nashville has ever had.

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Thanks to Andy Corts, the Junior Class, and Michael Haslam for giving the Senior Class a memorable and enjoyable Prom

NEWS

THE MOSTS OF MARCH MADNESS



**Howard
Kong**
Staff
Writer

Through surprises, suspense, and superb competition, the NCAA Division I men's basketball championship of 1994 demonstrated why it earned the title March Madness. It is so wild that it must overflow into the first weekend of April. So much madness filled this March that it warranted an award presentation for its memorable moments:

Most Outstanding Performance by a Conference: At the start of the tournament, you would have thought that the Big Ten with its 7 entries, headed by Purdue and Michigan (no, I'm not applying there), would have made the greatest impact. They finished 4th as a conference. Or, you would have chosen the ACC with defending national champions North Carolina, Duke, and 3 other qualifiers to fair the best. They

ended up 2nd. But who would have guessed that the SEC with two teams in the Final Four would have made the biggest splash?

Arkansas would have been a sure choice. The national champions paced the SEC's overall record to a 12-3 finish. But who would have picked Florida over Kentucky?

Kentucky had lady luck playing against them. Since the field expanded to 64 teams in 1985, no conference tournament champion except Louisville of '86 and Duke of '92 has ever won the national title. This piece of trivia leads to the next award:

Biggest Upset of the tournament: Up for the honors were: the Phoenix of Wisconsin-Green Bay who defeated California 61-57 in Jason Kidd and Lamond Murray's final game. Tulsa Golden Hurricane wreaked havoc by defeating UCLA's Ed and Charles O'Bannon, a.k.a the Brothers Rim, 112-102, and then Oklahoma State and "Big Country" Bryant

Reeves 82-80.

Yet hands down, the biggest upset was: Boston College 75, North Carolina 72. Why was this so big? For the first time in fourteen years, Dean Smith's team was absent from the Sweet 16! Also, this year's UNC ball club had talent and depth that rivaled Arkansas: four returning starters from the '93 championship campaign, the best two diaper dandies in Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace, and 8 McDonald's High School All-Americans.

It could have been the first time ever that a Division I school captured both the men's and women's basketball title. As he pinned the Fab Five of Michigan (still not applying there), Bill Walton can call this team as well a "classic underachiever," but with more accuracy.

The big difference between Michigan (not even now) and UNC is when the loss occurred. Reaching a championship game is a greater achievement than the 2nd round. If the Fab Five

was such a bad example, why do most teams wear baggy shorts?

Most Memorable Name: Big Dog Glenn Robinson? Big Nasty Corliss Williamson the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player? Maybe, Exree Hipp of Maryland who predicted a Sweet 16 during the pre-season? For sure, not Maryland's Joe Smith whose name is slightly memorable because it is so common, nor the Brothers Rim because they played more like the Brothers Grim. But gaining the nod and stepping into the national spotlight was Florida's own Dametri Hill. How can you go wrong with Da Meat Hook?

Most Amazing Shot: For the women, UNC's Charlotte Smith's buzzer beater deserved a "Wow!" Alex Dillard of Arkansas also had two incredible treys against Arizona one from around 25 feet, the other from 30. But the 25 year old freshman, known as grandpa to his team, was beaten out by a fel-

low hog Scotty Thurman in the season's final game. With 1 second left on the shot clock and 50.7 ticks left in regulation, Thurman launched a three-pointer with a sideways rotation over the outstretched hand of Duke's Antonio Lang. The high-archer brought rain as it fell toward the goal, held its line, and splashed through.

In the end, Lady Luck was not a devil with a blue dress on to Duke's dismay. Grant Hill did not gain any bragging rights over Christian Laettner or Bobby Hurley. Thanks to a Dr. Galawekitz, no one will mispronounce Krzyzewski ever again.

For the hogs, luck was a lady that night, chanting "Go Pig Soocy," as Nolan Richardson and the Arkansas Razorbacks ended the 1994 college basketball season wearing a nylon necklace, pleasing the president, and adding to their mantle the Sears trophy, all as national champions.

Movie Martin



**Brooks
Martin**
Ent.
Editor

Ace Ventura, Pet Detective: The pleable Jim Carrey is a—you guessed it—pet detective. This one's worth seeing if you want your sides split with laughter.

Greedy: Michael J. Fox whines at all of his relatives for claiming the family fortune after the elderly uncle (Kirk Douglas) bites the dust. Directed by *My Cousin Vinny's* Jonathan Lynn. Possibly worth seeing just for Oliva D'Abo.

Guarding Tess: If you've seen all the other movies and have nothing to do, go ahead and waste your six bucks; you may think it's worth it.

In the Name of the Father: Well deserving of some awards. Directed by *My Left*

Foot's Jim Sheridan, this movie is one of the year's most controversial and most talked about. A young man is wrongly accused of being an IRA terrorist. Stars Emma Thompson.

Major League 2 & Mighty Ducks 2: The two Sheen brothers are at it again (when they shouldn't have been at it in the first place).

Naked Gun 33 and 1/3: Same recycled jokes as the last two. And they're just as funny the second time around. And they're just as funny as the last time.

On Deadly Ground: Hnnnnnnnn. Not!!!

The Paper: The most stressful movie I've ever seen: Michael Keaton, Glenn Close, Marissa Tomei, Randy Quaid, Robert Duvall, and Jason Alexander; go see it for all these guys; you can't go wrong with all these stars.

Reality Bites:

Read my editorial in the Entertainment section; 'nuff said.

The Ref: Dennis Leary is actually funny; might be worth seeing. *Remains of the Day:* Anthony Hopkins is brilliant, once again. A definite must see.

Schindler's List: Stephen Spielberg has done it again. If you watched the Oscars, there's no need for me to tell you that this is one you have to go see, A.S.A.P.

Shadowlands: Anthony Hopkins is brilliant. Doesn't he ever stop? Biography of C.S. Lewis: a should see.

Tombstone: A real testosterone fest; go see it if you have to release some of that primal instinct or whatever.

What's Eating Gilbert Grape: Johnny Depp is a real loser until Juliette Lewis comes into his life; a must see.

Senior "Last Wills" will be due on May 13. Turn in to Jim Bowen or Taylor Harris

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BIG RED BEGINS DEFENSE OF STATE TITLE



Loren Nash

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Baseball fans statewide witnessed one of the greatest battles in the history of the TSSAA State Tournament last year at MTSU. Both MBA and Germantown proved to be the best two teams in Tennessee. In three incredible games, the combined score was 3 runs to 2, edge and title to MBA.

For the 1994 campaign, the baseball team has two goals: to prove that there is life after the state's Player of the Year R.A. Dickey and return to the state tournament this year to be held in Chattanooga.

The loss of the "R.A. Dickey," however, cannot compare to the loss of Fred Forehand, *Nashville Banner's* Coach of the Year. Mr. Forehand succumbed to cancer May 6, 1994. Coach Forehand has been a father and inspiration to the team and his presence will be greatly

missed.

Stepping into the head coaching position is Pat Woolsey assisted by "Iron Mike" Morrissey and Thomas "L.A." Wims.

Robert Allen is gone, though a strong nucleus remains. On the mound this year for the Big Red are returning State All-Tournament players Stephen Bess and Dave Sifford. The team hopes to have some outstanding pitching performances from other, less experienced pitchers: Johnny "Deep South" Garrett, Tony Greer the "Original Gangsta," "Beans and" Franklin "Freebird" Jarmin, and John "I Want Your" Sexton. Behind the plate this year are Matt "Cueball" Garrett and Jackson "Waaaah, I'm Sick" Dale. Johnny Garrett, "HO KO" Howard Kong, Grant "Spike" Martin, and Anderson "Lefty" Williams will provide steady play at the shortstop and second base positions. At third base

are Sifford and John "Tilt" Downey. Returning to first base is "Stormin' Normin'" Loren Nash to be joined by Greer. At center is Parkes Owen (not Park Owens) and

nual trip to the baseball capital of the world, Cocoa, Florida. For the first time in recent history, no downpour of rain fell upon the diamonds. Perhaps disillusioned by this

phenomenon, the team started slowly but finished its Spring Break trip with a convincing win.

In the same mold, the team's participation in the 2nd Annual Mid-South Spring Classic was disappointing. The team started the tournament with losses to Hernando of Mississippi, Covington, and Southaven of Mississippi. Already it had lost half the number of games last year.

With an 0-3 record, MBA rose to the occasion to leave the tournament with a strong win over White Station.

And finally, there was a winning streak. On April 4, the Big Red captured an important 1-0 win over district rival Overton. Stephen "I Am The" Bess pitched 7 stel-

lar innings, fanning 12 Bobcats, to outlast southpaw John Huffman. Dave "Wild Man" Sifford gave great support for Bess with the game-winning RBI by beating out a double play attempt with the bases loaded. In the sixth inning, Sifford was all the defense Bess needed. All three batters grounded out to Sifford, the last sent to the dugout by a diving stab and two-hop throw.

A return to the state will challenge the team as its 2-3 record attests. Last year's third place finish in the Mid-South Spring Classic was not matched. Nor was there ever a three game losing streak in 1993. But this year's baseball team will challenge last year's 27-6 record. In the month of April, the Big Red will find its own identity competing its 18 games, 10 of which are at MBA. As always, attendance to these home games are mandatory. Gentleman, faculty, community, come out and support the defending State Champions in its quest to make it "two in a row in ninety four(r)."



Andrew "Can I Have Some Of Your's" Stahl, with Sergeant Joey Delemos, Jarmin, Ted "MO" Morrissey, Monte "Look What I Found Next To My Car" Poe, and Sexton filling the left and right field positions.

With high expectations, the team made its an-

MBA Basketball Loses in Simi-Finals of FIRST TSSAA State Tournament Appearance



Andy Barrett

Sports Editor

On March 17, 1994, MBA journeyed to the state's basketball Mecca at MTSU to make its first appearance in the state tournament since basketball became a sport sanctioned by the TSSAA. The team earned this opportunity as a result of a 90-74 triumph over visiting Franklin in the Sub-State round. With just eight teams still in action, the Big Red was slated to play Murfreesboro Oakland in the first round of the state. The Big Red had first played and lost (60-51) to the Patriots four months earlier in the Keysaer Tournament at MBA. Having such a long duration for improvement, the Big Red expected a different result in this second meeting.

The 8:30 P.M. game

turned out to be the climax of the evening as 7,300 fans, most of them coming to support the home squad, nearly packed Murphy Center. The Big Red was not intimidated, however, as the team scored early and often to grab the lead during the first quarter. Oakland managed to keep the game close in the second quarter by driving to the basket and hitting short-range jumpers. At the end of the second quarter, MBA felt confident in going to the locker room with a two point lead.

The third quarter remained close as Oakland refused to back down. The Big Red decided to make its move early in the fourth quarter; the team rallied to notch an 11-2 run and thus gained an 11 point lead with just four minutes remaining. Just the Oakland hit its breaking point. The Patriots erupted for 11 unanswered points to tie the game with 45 seconds left. With 25 seconds remaining, Andy

Barrett took advantage of a discombobulated Oakland defense to drive the lane, get fouled, and make the layup. MBA went up by three after the ensuing free throw, and Will Coles secured the victory with two clutch free throws in the final seconds. This 60-55 triumph sent MBA to the semifinals against Science Hill, a nationally ranked powerhouse from Johnson City.

MBA had suffered a defeat (80-61) to Science Hills earlier in the season and, as was the case with the Oakland game, the team hoped to better its performance this time. The biggest task for the Big Red was to try to handle Science Hill's infamous full court trap. MBA succeeded in doing this in the first quarter and trailed by just two points at the end of the period. Science Hill increased its defensive intensity and offensive prowess in the second period and secured a ten point lead at the

intermission. The third quarter was much the same story as the opponents continued to shoot well and MBA became plagued by foul trouble. Science Hill increased the margin to 18 points before the Big Red decided to make its run early in the fourth quarter. With a combination of 3-pointers and short jumpers, the Mighty Red trimmed the margin to nine points before and untimely charging call by the referee ended the rally. After this play, Science Hill regained stability and made important free throws in the waning moments. The Big Red ended its miraculous season with this 83-70 defeat. Science Hill went on to win the tournament

handily by downing Overton in the finals. Along with its first place finish in the state, Science Hill was ranked 11th in the nation by the USA Today poll.

This year's team made history by accomplishing goals that no other MBA team has reached. This team won the Region Championship for the first time in school history. It also hosted and won its first ever Sub-state game. Qualifying for the State Tournament was another first for the squad. The 29-6 record was the best ever, surpassing the old mark by five victories. The 1993-94 basketball season is one that will not soon be forgotten.

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Varsity Track Update



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The 1994 Montgomery Bell Academy Track team began the season with great hopes for success during the 1994 season. Our original goal was to win the Region Team Relays. The Relays, the first big meet of the season, give the victorious team a birth in the Team State Relays. We knew that winning our Region would put us in excellent position to win the State.

After a very successful dual meet season and a good showing at the Mid-South Classic in Chattanooga, the Team felt the goal was well in our reach. We were especially excited after the Doug Hall Relays, two days before the relays, where MBA beat State Champions Hunters Lane and placed second behind a McGavock, Defending State Relays Champions.

On Tuesday April 26, 1994 the Big Red came

prepared to beat McGavock. However, Hunters Lane came prepared to beat MBA. Sporting new High Jumpers and Hurdles, Hunters Lane won the Region, and MBA placed second.

Disappointed, the team set a new goal of winning the "Real Region." Placing individuals and relays together has traditionally hurt MBA. However, the 1994 team has the combination of

City Champion in the Mile, leading the distance runners; Robert West leading the jumps; and Brandon Shea and Scott Dembo leading the throws; MBA has one of their most talented teams ever.

The talent of the team was demonstrated in the Optimist City Championships. With Scott Dembo winning the shot, Brandon Shea winning the discus; Buck Blair, J.W. Felch, and Max Fuller placing high in the Vault; MBA entered the running events in first place.

After second place performances in the 4X800 (Zimmerman, Gunn, Hardison, West) and 4X400 (Greenwood, Hardison Daniel, West); Braden placing 4&3 in the 100&200 respectively; Harris placing 1&3 in the mile and 2 mile, Mark Wyckoff 5&5 in the mile and 800, and Greenwood placing 4th in the 400; MBA Placed second, again behind Hunters Lane.



Shea mimics Greek God of War

relays and individuals to win.

With Joseph Braden, school record holder in the 100M and 200M, leading the sprints; Tailor Harris,

The Real Region takes place Friday May 20. MBA has an excellent chance to win and to qualify a lot of runners for the state. Please come support the team.

Riflery Team Falls Short in State



Brooks Martin

Riflery Captain

The MBA riflery team concluded its season with a surprising amount of success. The varsity squad brought home a trophy from every preliminary competition. The team record included two third places and one second place. Team captain, Brooks Martin, won a first place individual in another of the preliminary meets. Varsity shooters included Sean Sherrod, David Berry, Brooks Martin, Zach Skipper, Haynes Gentry, and Jimmy Rupley, some of whom shot on the junior varsity team with Daniel

Rivers, Shooter Jennings, and Sean Cunningham. The team did considerably well considering that only two members of the entire team participated last year.

The true test of the team was the competition that they faced in the League and State Tournaments. The team came out of the League Tournament with a third place trophy. After tying for first place with a student from David Lipscomb, Brooks Martin was given second place with a score of 368 out of 400.

The State Tournament did not go as well. It differs from other matches in that each member must shoot two rounds of four positions, once for individual honors and another for the team. In the

individual high rankings were Brooks Martin (2nd), Sean Sherrod, and David Berry. The State Tournament was a repeat performance of the previous week's League Tournament. A tie was broken by the standing scores between Brooks Martin and the same student at David Lipscomb. Both shot a 368. The Lipscomb student, however, scored three points higher on his standing target. The team faltered some bit for the team match. The team shot a total of 1356, ninety points behind the first place team. Brooks Martin shot a 374, the highest score in a tournament for the year. The team ended a good year with a fourth place finish in the State Tournament.

MBA SOCCER TEAM SHOOTS FOR FOURTH CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR



Andy Barrett

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The past three soccer seasons, MBA has managed to win both the district and the region tournaments. Considering these impressive accolades, this year's team has a difficult task ahead. The '94 squad is decimated after losing eleven seniors from the previous season. Coach Lanier will once again be at the helm, and he is optimistic about the prospects for this team.

During the winter months, the players began pre-season workouts consisting of running, lifting weights, and playing. In early spring, the team hosted two scrimmages against solid competition such as BGA and Hillsboro. After the long pre-season, the "futbol" players were primed for the season opener.

CPA was the first order of business for the Big Red. MBA scored a goal in the first ten minutes of play, but experienced a long drought for most of the rest of the game. With ten minutes remaining, eighth-grader Paul Wieck scored the clincher. Despite having a plethora of shots on goal, MBA won the game by a score of 2-0.

The next opponent was a talented Clarksville Northeast squad. Once again, MBA scored early, but then gave up two goals in fifteen minutes. Charlie Thombs evened the tally by netting one late in the first half. The first fifteen minutes of the second half were relatively quiet, but Northeast surprised the Red



with a goal midway through the second stanza. This sees a w battle favored MBA, who was in much better shape than Northeast. With seven minutes remaining, Charlie Thombs wrestled the ball away from the opposing goalie to grab his second goal of the game. The Big Red was not done with the scoring flurry; with just ten minutes on the clock, Allan Cernak cracked a power drive into the far netting to give MBA the comeback victory (4-3).

At this early stage in the season, MBA has posted a record of 2-0. Huge district and non-district games are on tap. On April 8th and 9th, MBA will challenge traditional powerhouses Notre Dame and Franklin respectively. Other tough games include: Brentwood, Father Ryan, and Hillwood. Come out and support the Big Red.

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